

County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control

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October 06, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

29 October 6, 2015

PATRICK O AWA ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF 500 DOSES OF PUREVAX THREE YEAR FELINE RABIES VACCINE VALUED AT\$16,425 FROM MERIAL, INC. (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)

SUBJECT

Request approval to accept a donation of 500 doses of PUREVAX three year feline rabies vaccine, valued at \$16,425 from Merial, Inc. to support the Department of Animal Care and Control's low-cost spay/neuter services program for cats.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Accept the donation of 500 doses of PUREVAX three year feline rabies vaccine to provide free vaccinations against rabies to cats that are spayed or neutered in the Department of Animal Care and Control's low-cost spay/neuter program.
- 2. Instruct your Board to prepare and send a letter of appreciation to the donor for their generous donation.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Department of Animal Care and Control (Department) is pleased to inform your Board that it has been offered 500 free doses of PUREVAX three year rabies vaccine for cats, valued at \$16,425, from Merial, Inc. This donation will be used to vaccinate cats that are spayed or neutered pursuant to the Department's low-cost spay/neuter program for cats.

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<u>Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals</u>

The acceptance of the donation to the Department will support the organizational goal of service excellence (Goal 1) by enhancing the Department's ability to protect cats against rabies, a fatal disease that is transmissible to humans. This product protects cats against rabies for three years and is a highly specialized vaccine which is designed to reduce chances of vaccine-associated fibrosarcoma.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The donation will be used to provide free vaccinations against rabies for cats that are spayed or neutered in the Department's cat sterilization program. The recommended action will not result in any additional cost to the Department.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Government Code Section 25355 permits the County to accept donations or other gifts for a specific County purpose. Section 2.4.2 of the County Fiscal Manual authorizes County departments to accept donations in excess of \$10,000 with Board approval.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The donation will increase resources for service to low income residents who have their cats sterilized in the Department's low-cost spay/neuter program.

CONCLUSION

A draft appreciation letter thanking Merial, Inc. for its donation is attached. Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Animal Care and Control.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director

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Enclosures

c: Auditor-Controller
Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office

(DATE)

Ms. Teresa Frost-Plimpton Merial, LLC 3239 Satellite Boulevard Duluth, GA 30096

Dear Ms. Frost-Plimpton:

At its meeting of October 6, 2015, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors accepted, with thanks, the generous donation of 500 doses of PUREVAX three year feline rabies vaccine to support the low-cost spay/neuter services program, valued at \$16,425.

This donation will greatly enhance the health and well being of animals sheltered by the County of Los Angeles and create greater customer satisfaction among our adopters. We deeply appreciate your kindness in helping homeless animals.

The Board members requested that I express their appreciation to you for this generous donation.

Very Truly Yours,

PATRICK OGAWA Acting Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors